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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA COMMITTED TO RESULTS ORIENTED PIF
MINISTERIAL ON FIJI

¶1. (SBU) A representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Pacific Regional Section confirmed Australia is hopeful of a results-oriented outcome to the March 26 Pacific Island Forum Ministerial on Fiji. A meeting of Australian and New Zealand Foreign Ministers preceded the FFAM and the Australians' perspective will be covered in septel when DFAT New Zealand Section representatives return from Auckland. DFAT suggested the meeting will focus on aid programs among other topics.

¶2. (SBU) The only comment given regarding the UN Consultative Group was that Australia will support it as long as it "does not get in the way" of other established efforts in the region.

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